workers were engaged on contingent basis in the following years:—

Years	No. of workers engaged
1958	1
1963	2
1966	3
1967	4
1968	6
1969	23
1970	14
1971	14
1972	24
1973	22
1974	17
1975	5
1976	18
1977	17
1978	1
1981	1
TOTAL	172

Contingent workers in GSI

2465. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of contingent workers employed by the Geological Survey of India on regular basis after 31st October, 1977;

(b) whether the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms instructed all Ministries of Government of India to consider contingent workers employed upto 21st March, 1979 for appointment in regular establishments; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not implementing the orders by the Geological Survey of India?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Geological Survey of India engaged 129 contingent workers in Group C & D posts on a regular basis after 31.10.1977.

(b) and (c) The erstwhile Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms issued instructions on 21st March, 1979 with regard to the regularisation of casual workers in Group D posts, subject to certain conditions. Some contingent employees of Geological Survey of India have not fulfilled these conditions. The question of granting relaxations of these conditions as necessary is currently under discussion with the concerned Departments.

Shortage of chemists in the Geological Survey of India

2466. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Geological Survey of India has been getting chemical samples analysed through private agencies on payment on the ground that there are no sufficient number of chemists in the organisation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some chemists are exclusively deployed for jobs of administrative nature in the office; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, in case of some special investigations or for analysis involving special techniques assistance of Government agencies and research centres is utilised.

(c) and (d) Technical officers of the Geological Survey of India, especially Group 'A' Officers are also groomed for taking up management responsibilities.